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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2015-0006]

Notice of Public Meetings on the Proposed Revised Guidelines for Implementing Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, As Revised Through the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to announce two public meetings to solicit public input on the proposed “Revised Guidelines for Implementing Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management.”

DATES: The first public meeting will be held in Fairfax, VA on March 24, 2015, from 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. Eastern Time (ET). The second public meeting will be held by webinar on March 25, 2015, from 3:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

ADDRESSES: The first public meeting will be held in Fairfax, VA, at George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Jackson Center Building #30, Fairfax, VA 22030. The second public meeting will be by webinar.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact the person listed in the “FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT SECTION” by March 20.

Due to space constraints of the facility, seating will be limited to 300 participants for the Fairfax, VA meeting. To reserve a seat in advance for this meeting, or the webinar, please provide a request via email or mail with the contact information of the participant (including name, mailing address, and e-mail address), the meeting(s) to be attended, and include the subject/attention line (or on the envelope if by mail):

Reservation Request for FFRMS Meeting. Advance reservations must be received 3 business days prior to each meeting to ensure processing. Unregistered participants will be accepted after all participants with reservations have been accommodated and will be admitted on a first-come, first-serve basis, provided the person capacity is not exceeded. To submit reservations, please email: FEMA-FFRMS@fema.dhs.gov or send by mail to the address listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT caption.

To facilitate public participation, members of the public are invited to provide written comments on the issues to be considered at the public meetings. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of Chief Counsel, FEMA, 500 C Street SW., Room 8NE, Washington, DC 20472-3100.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the docket ID FEMA-2015-0006. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and search for the Docket ID FEMA-2015-0006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bradley Garner, 202-646-3901 or FEMA-FFRMS@fema.dhs.gov. Mailing Address: FFRMS, 1800 South Bell Street, Room 627, Arlington, VA 20598-3030. The website is <https://www.fema.gov/federal-flood-risk-management-standard-ffrms>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On January 30, 2015, the President signed Executive Order 13690, directing FEMA, on behalf of the Mitigation Framework Leadership Group, to publish for public comment draft revised Floodplain Management Guidelines to provide guidance to agencies on the implementation of Executive Order 11988, as amended, consistent with a new Federal Flood Risk Management Standard. These draft revised Guidelines were developed by the Mitigation Framework Leadership Group in consultation with the Federal Interagency Floodplain Management Task Force. FEMA is publishing this Notice on behalf of the Mitigation Framework Leadership Group, which is chaired by FEMA, to solicit and consider public input on the draft revised Guidelines at two public meetings.

Background information about these topics is available on the FFRMS website at <https://www.fema.gov/federal-flood-risk-management-standard-ffrms> or in the docket for this Notice at www.regulations.gov, Docket ID FEMA-2015-0006.

These meetings are exempt from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as the Mitigation Framework Leadership Group is an intergovernmental committee and falls under the intergovernmental committee exception to FACA, 41 CFR 102-3.40(g).

Authority: Executive Order 11988, as amended; Executive Order 13690.

Dated: March 6, 2015.

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